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MORNING OF JUNE 9

FOLLOWING IS INFORMAL SUMMARY REMARKS MADE BY VARIOUS DELEGATES
IN PLENARY OF ILC MORNING OF JUNE 9:

BEGIN TEXT

FOLLOWING ACTION ON THE REPORT OF THE SELECTION
COMMITTEE PLENARY DISCUSSION RESUMED WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK
OF BROAD GENERAL STATEMENTS MORE OR LESS RELEVANT TO THE
REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR GENERAL. THIS TWO-PART REPORT IS,
IN TURN, SUFFICIENTLY BROAD TO GIVE LICENSE TO ADDRESS MOST
ASPECTS OF ILO PERFORMANCE. AUSTRIAN SOCIAL AFFAIRS MINISTER
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WEISSENBERG DID SO TO GOOD EFFECT IN REVIEWING THE OBJECTIVES
OF THE ORGANIZATION AND IN EXPRESSING REGRET IN THIS CONTEXT
AT THE AMOUNT OF TIME DIVERTED FROM TECHINCAL WORK TO POLITICAL
QUESTIONS.

A FORMER AND RESPECTED LONG-TIME MEMBER OF THE WORKER
GROUP, WEISSENBERG LASHED INTO THE POLITICIZATION WHICH HAS

BESET ILO AND WARNED THAT THE US ACTION DEMONSTRATES THAT THE END RESULT CAN BE TO DRIVE OUT "CERTAIN STATES OR GROUP OF STATES." IT PRODUCES A LOSS OF RESPECT FOR ILO AND MAY LEAD EVEN TO ITS COLLAPSE. WEISSENBERG CONCLUDED BY CAUTIONING POINTEDLY THAT SHOULD TWO PRESENT "TRENDS" WITHIN THE ORGANIZATION "THE TREND AGAINST UNIVERSALISM AND THE TREND AGAINST TRIPARTISM", EVER BECOME UNITED ILO COULD NO LONGER STAND.

AS THOUGH TO DEMONSTRATE THE VITALITY OF THE PROBLEM (PREPARED STATEMENTS MAKING FOR IMPERFECT DIALOGUE), SYRIAN LABOR MINISTER HAMADA FOLLOWED TO SAY THAT ILO SUFFERS STALENESS FROM A CONSTITUTION OVER 50 YEARS OLD, AND THE TIME HAS COME TO GIVE THE ORGANIZATION "A NEW ORIENTATION." HE CALLED FOR "MORE DEMOCRACY" AND THE ABOLITION OF "PERMANENT SEATS" IN THE GOVERNING BODY, AND WENT ON TO ATTACK THE IMMEDIATE FRUSTRATION, THE PROCEDURAL COMPLICATIONS PREVENTING SYRIA AND OTHERS FROM INTRODUCING AN ANTI-ISRAELI RESOLUTION ON THE BASIS OF THE DIRECTOR GENERAL'S REPORT. HAMADA URGED THE CONFERENCE TO AVOID "ENDLESS DISORDER" BY REJECTING THE OPINIONS OF THE LEGAL ADVISOR AND TAKING DECISIONS INTO ITS OWN HANDS.

THIS THEME ON THE NEED TO RESTRUCTURE ILO AND TO GET ON WITH IMPLEMENTATION OF THE 1974 RESOLUTION ON THE OCCUPIED TERRITORIES WAS TAKEN UP THEREAFTER, ALTHOUGH LESS PASSIONATELY, BY SUDAN'S MINISTER OF PUBLIC SERVICE AND ADMINISTRATIVE REFORM. IT WAS ADUMBRATED AGAIN BY BAHRAIN'S MINISTER OF LABOR AND SOCIAL AFFAIRS, AL-KHALIFA. ALTHOUGH A MAIDEN SPEECH FOR BAHRAIN IN THE ORGANIZATION, AL-KHALIFA DISTINGUISHED HIMSELF AND BAHRAIN BY (A) PROPOSING THE ERECTION OF A NEW FUND LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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WITHIN ILO TO PROVIDE FOR ADDITIONAL TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO LDC'S, TO WHICH HE IMPLIED ARAB COUNTRIES COULD BE MAJOR CONTRIBUTORS, AND (B) A SPECIAL SESSION OF THE INTERNATIONAL LABOR CONFERENCE IF QUESTIONS OF RESTRUCTURING COULD NOT BE RESOLVED AT THE PRESENT CONFERENCE.

ASSERTING THAT TRIPARTISM IS THE CORNERSTONE OF CYPRIOT POLICY, CYPRIOT LABOR MINISTER SPANOS INSISTED, BUT IN OBLIQUE REFERENCE ONLY TO THE PROBLEM ON CYPRUS, THAT ILO SHOULD CONSIDER VIOLATIONS OF ILO PRINCIPLES BY MEMBERS OUTSIDE OF THEIR NATURAL BOUNDARIES.

THE KEYNOTE WHICH WEISSENBERG HAD STRUCK AT THE OPENING OF THE JUNE 9 DEBATE WAS MORE ILLUSTRATED THAN HEEDED AS THE MORNING WORE ON.
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